

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Tyrone Taborn

PERSON

Taborn, Tyrone, 1959-

Alternative Names: Tyrone Taborn;

Life Dates: February 8, 1959-

Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois, USA

Residence: Reisterstown, MD

Work: Baltimore, MD

Occupations: Publishing Chief Executive

Biographical Note

Publishing chief executive and civic leader Tyrone Taborn was born in Chicago, Illinois, on February 8, 1959, to Edith Taborn. Taborn was raised in an African American and Latino home in Los Angeles, California. Taborn attended Cornell University, where he held membership in the Quill and Dagger, the secret honor society, and was one of thirty-two academic scholars with membership to the Telluride Association. In 1978, Taborn was selected to be the first Lyndon B. Johnson intern in the office of late Congressman Julian C. Dixon.

In 1986, Taborn founded and became the Chairman and CEO of Career Communications Group, Inc., a multimillion-dollar talent management and career development company that publishes U.S. Black Engineer & Information Technology, the nation's only general-interest technology magazine for the African American community. He also produced the award-winning syndicated television show Success Through Education. In 2006, Taborn was a contributing author for The Covenant With Black America, The New York Times bestseller compiled by Tavis Smiley. Taborn was also a frequent contributor for the Baltimore Sun. Taborn is the founder of Black Family Technology Week, La Familia Technology Awareness Week and the Native American Technology Awareness Project. The goal of these public awareness campaigns is to promote the value of technology and its importance in educating and preparing minority children for future careers. Taborn is the editor-in-chief of Hispanic Engineer and Information.

Tyrone Taborn is a community leader, undertaking initiatives and serving on the boards of organizations to improve the education and career opportunities of African

Americans and minorities in inner-cities. Taborn's past and present board memberships include the Baltimore Engineering Society, the Afro-American Newspaper Company, the Baltimore Urban League, Granville Academy, Centro de La Comunidad, Morgan State University Foundation, The Baltimore Educational Scholarship Trust, Women Legislators of Maryland, Baltimore Partners for Enhanced Learning and The Presidents' RoundTable. Taborn was named one of the 50 Most Important African-Americans in Technology by Blackmoney.com, one of only nine internet and technology leaders honored by Sprint and MOBE IT. He was presented with a Congressional Black Caucus Honor as a Pioneer in Publishing by Congressman Major Owens. In 2005, he received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from Morgan State University.

Taborn is married to Jean Hamilton and is the father of two children.

Tyrone Taborn was interviewed by The HistoryMakers July 28, 2007.

Related Entries

McCosh Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Susan Miller Dorsey High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

University High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Johns Hopkins University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Cornell University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Career Communications Group, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1986 to ?]

Chairman and CEO

Afro-American Newspapers [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Baltimore Urban League [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Baltimore Educational Scholarship Trust [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Centro de la Comunidad [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Engineering Society of Baltimore [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Morgan State University Foundation [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Women Legislators of Maryland [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Presidents' RoundTable, Inc. [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member